

REMARKS

In response to the Decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, issued August 31, 2006, applicant submits amendments to the claims and respectfully requests continued examination of the instant patent application. Entry of the amendments to the claims is requested prior to the first Official Action in this matter.

The claims have been amended to recite that the receiving a second user input through a second data input system, said second user input being unassociated with the first user input. No new matter has been added.

Support for the amendment may be found at least on page 3, lines 17-30, which state "[t]he first and second data input systems may be independent systems that an individual uses in parallel to input data to the device. The first input data system is ambiguous in the sense that it is configured to associate a user input with a plurality of potential data ...the ambiguity is removed when the individual users the second data input system to indicate which symbol is actually sought by the user. The second data input system is for example a speech recognition input system so that the user can spell or speak the desired symbol."

The claims were originally rejected by the Office, and affirmed by the Board, based on the independent claims reciting that the second input device was one of speech recognition system, a handwriting input system or a stylus input system and that the Grover reference referred to a stylus input.

In affirming the Examiner's rejection of the claims, the Board stated "that 'stylus input system' broadly reads upon Grover's explicit disclosure of 'any pointing device such as a mouse or a light pen [col. 9, lines 22 and 23]. We note that the examiner need only show one of the recited elements (i.e., 'a speech recognition input system, a handwriting input system, or a stylus input system') to meet the alternative language of the claim." (emphasis in the original) (see page 6, first paragraph).

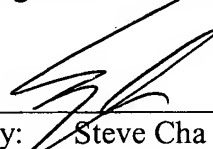
The claims as amended recite subject matter not disclosed by the Grover reference. The Grover reference discloses the generation of a list of words associated with the ambiguous first inputs. The user may then provide an input to select one of the

words associated with the provided first inputs. Hence, Grover fails to teach the claim element "said second user input being unassociated with the first user input."

For at least this reason applicant respectfully requests that the amendments be entered and, after reconsideration of the amendments and arguments presented herein, a Notice of Allowance be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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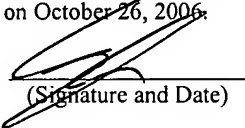
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